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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed April 9, 2003, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 26 as follows:

26 (Twice Amended). A semiconductor structure, comprising:

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a support;  
a first material deposited on said support, the first material having a first etch rate;  
a trench formed through the first material and into the support;  
a trench filler material deposited in the trench, the trench filler material having an etch rate that is less than 1.2 times the first etch rate and substantially similar to or less than the first etch rate.

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